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TEHAMA COUNTY SHOOTINGS

Neighbors' dispute ignites rampage

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Two women embrace outside Rancho Tehama Elementary School, where a gunman opened fire, injuring at least two children.

Gunman slays 4 people in spree, police kill attacker

Michael Macor / The Chronicle

Debbie Elworthy, resident of the 1,500-population Rancho Tehama Reserve, received a reverse 911 call Tuesday morning that warned her about the active shooter.

By Melody Gutierrez, Jenna Lyons and Steve Rubenstein

RANCHO TEHAMA RESERVE, Tehama County — A neighborhood dispute turned into the nation's latest mass shooting Tuesday when a gunman killed four people and wounded 10 others, choosing most of his victims at random in a rampage that spread to an elementary school in this rural community 115 miles north of Sacramento, authorities said.

The spree, which ranged over several locations and injured at least two children at Rancho Tehama Elementary School, ended when the killer — who like his victims was not immediately identified, and whose motive was unknown — was shot dead by law enforcement officers.

The barrage of gunfire erupted around 8 a.m. near the man's home in Rancho Tehama Reserve, a community of about 1,500 people southwest of Red Bluff, and lasted about 45 minutes as the man stole two vehicles and drove

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Report: Top UC officials meddled in audit

By Nanette Asimov

Officials in the University of California president's office improperly interfered with a state audit of UC finances, instructed campuses not to "air dirty laundry" in an audit survey, and misled the regents about why they did it, according to an investigative report reviewed Tuesday by The Chronicle.

The independent investigation by former state Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno into audit tampering finds evidence that two top executives in UC President Janet Napolitano's office — Chief of Staff Seth Grossman and Bernie Jones, his deputy — directed the interference and oversaw changes to confidential survey answers from three campuses to put UC headquarters in a better light. Grossman and Jones also sought to keep the matter secret, warning each other by text messages to keep communications "off of email."

The report found that a third UC executive, Deputy General Counsel Karen Petrulakis, offered her own survey revi-

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Speier calls 2 in Congress harassers

By Carolyn Lochhead

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jackie Speier, the Peninsula Democrat who last month became the first member of Congress to go public with her own experience of sexual assault on Capitol Hill, testified Tuesday that she knows of two sitting members of Congress who have sexually harassed staffers.

Speaking to the House Administration Committee at a hearing on Congress' sexual harassment policies, Speier said she could not name the members, one of them a Democrat and the other a Republican, because the cases are subject to nondisclosure agreements. But she said one incident involved genital expo-

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KATHLEEN PENDER *Net Worth*

Ending deductions might not hurt as badly as some fear

The itemized deduction for state and local taxes has become a flash point in the debate over the GOP's tax plans.

The House and Senate proposals call for sharply limiting or eliminating the so-called SALT deduction. Critics say Republicans in high-tax states would have a hard time voting for any bill that included this provision, because the deduction is so valuable to their constituents.

And it is, to some. But many people in high-tax states get no benefit from this deduction because they don't itemize deductions or they are subject to the alternative minimum tax, which doesn't allow it. Another group of people get little benefit because they are subject to the phaseout of all itemized deductions that kicks in at higher incomes.

A study published Tuesday by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy predicted that

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Ricky Gervais to be among headliners at SF Sketchfest. **E1**

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